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SUBJECT: TUC DELEGATION TO AFL-CIO COUNCIL

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REF: LONDON'S 16658

1. BEGIN SUMMARY - ALLEN HARGREAVES, HEAD OF THE TUC INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT, HAS INFORMED US THAT THE TUC WILL BE SENDING A FRATERNAL DELEGATION TO THE AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING IN MIAMI IN FEBRUARY. HARGREAVES SPOKE BRIEFLY ON ONE OF THE ISSUES WHICH MIGHT COME UP DURING THE MEETING. HE ALSO REFERRED BRIEFLY TO SOME OTHER ISSUES WHICH ALSO INVOLVE THE AFL-CIO.  
END SUMMARY

2. THE DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING: JACK ONES, CHAIRMAN OF THE TUC INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION (TGWU); LEN MURRAY, GENERAL SECRETARY; LORD ALFRED ALLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE UNION OF SHOP, DISTRIBUTIVE AND ALLIED WORKERS (USDAW); TOM JACKSON, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE UNION OF POST OFFICE WORKERS (UPW); DAN MCGARVEY, PRESIDENT OF THE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF BOILERMAKERS, SHIPWRIGHTS, BLACKSMITHS AND STRUCTURAL WORKERS. IN ADDITION, HARGREAVES -- OR ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE TUC HEADQUARTERS STAFF -- IS EXPECTED TO ACCOMPAN THE DELEGATION. THE DELEGATION PLANS TO DEPART LONDON FEBRUARY 14 AND RETURN FEBRUARY 18. (A BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE CONCERNING MCGARVEY IS INCLUDED IN THIS MESSAGE.)

3. LATIN-AMERICAN AFFAIRS - HARGREAVES SAID JACK JONES IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE CHILEAN SITUATION, INCLUDING THE ROLE OF THE CHILEAN TRADE UNION IN EXILE, CUTCH, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS, TO WHICH THE TUC AUTHORIZED A GRANT OF 1,000 POUNDS. JONES, SAYS HARGREAVES, ALSO WISHES TO TAKE UP THE BROADER QUESTION OF THE ROLE OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR FREE LABOR DEVELOPMENT (AIFLD). HE ADDS THAT JONES HAS BECOME EXERCISED ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE AIFLD FOLLOWING RECENT PURSUAL OF ARTICLES IN APPARENTLY OBSCURE US PUBLICATIONS LIKE THE "GLOBE" AND ANOTHER CALLED "LATIN AMERICAN AND EMPIRE REPORT," WHICH SEVERELY CRITICIZE THE AIFLD. JONES HAS ALSO RECEIVED DEROGATORY REPORTS, HE SAID, FROM CHARLES "CHIP" LEVINSON, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CHEMICAL AND GENERAL WORKERS'  
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UNIONS (ICF). (COPIES OF THESE ARTICLES ARE BEING POUCHED).

4. STATUS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION - HARGREAVES SAID THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE, WHICH MET JANUARY 6, DECIDED "NOT TO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF ILO RECOGNITION OF THE PLO. HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY WHETHER THE TUC WOULD ACTUALLY OPPOSE THE PLO'S RECOGNI-

TION OR WOULD ABSTAIN, BUT HE NOTED THAT CYRIL PLANT, THE UK WORKER DELEGATE, WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM OF ACTION ACCORDING TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING DURING THE FEBRUARY SESSION OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY. HARGREAVES SAID THAT THE TUC LEADERSHIP IS FEARFUL THAT IF THE PLO WERE TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE ILO, IT WOULD OPEN THE DOOR TO OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS INCLUDING THE IRA, THE WELSH, THE KURDS -- AND THUS TO ENTITIES WITHOUT DEFINED COUNTRIES, DEFINED BORDERS, OR TRADE UNIONS. HOWEVER, HARGREAVES BELIEVES THAT THE PLO IS LIKELY TO BE GRANTED RECOGNITION "IN VIEW OF THE PREVAILING ATMOSPHERE." (SEE REFTEL).

5. AFL-CIO AND THE OECD TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - HARGREAVES CLAIMS THAT JACK JONES BELIEVES THE OECD TRADE

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EFFORT AND FINANCES. (THE TUC IS WELL AWARE OF THE  
POSSIBILITY THAT THE AFL-CIO MAY RESUME PARTICIPATION IN  
THE TUAC. IF HARGREAVES' CLAIM IS CORRECT -- AND THIS  
REMAINS TO BE CONFIRMED -- IT IS RATHER CURIOUS THAT  
THERE SHOULD BE AN EFFORT OF THIS KIND AT THIS TIME.  
TUC LEADERS SUCH AS JACK JONES AND LEN MURRAY -- AND OF  
COURSE HARGREAVES, TOO, -- HAVE CONTINUALLY PROFESSED A  
DESIRE TO SEE INCREASED AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPA-  
TION. WE THEREFORE INCLINE TOWARDS THE VIEW THAT IT  
COULD REPRESENT SOME FEAR WITHIN THE TUC THAT AFL-CIO  
PARTICIPATION IN THE OECD-TUAC MAY SET IN MOTION A COUN-  
TERVAILING INFLUENCE TO THAT OF THE BRITISH TUC WITHIN  
THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND IN PARTICULAR  
ENCOURAGE DOUBTS IN EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CIRCLES ABOUT  
THE TUC'S "DRANG NACH OSTEN.")

6. BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE - MCGARVEY IS PERHAPS THE LEAST  
KNOWN TO THE AFL-CIO OF THE DELEGATION'S MEMBERS. HE  
IS 55 YEARS OLD AND HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE BOILER-  
MAKERS' UNION SINCE 1965; A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL  
EXECUTIVE OF THE LABOR PARTY, 1958-1965; AND A MEMBER  
OF THE TUC GENERAL COUNCIL SINCE 1965. ANDREW MCKEOWN,  
OF THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND INFORMATION SERVICES, LTD.  
(IRIS), -- WHICH IS CONSIDERED AN AUTHORITATIVE OBSERVER  
OF IDEOLOGICAL SHIFTS WITHIN BRITISH UNIONS -- DISCUSSED  
MCGARVEY WITH US. HE SAYS THAT MCGARVEY IS "BITTERLY  
ANTI-COMMUNIST WITHIN HIS OWN UNION" BUT "AS INSURANCE"  
AND IN ORDER TO KEEP THE EXTREME LEFT WITHIN HIS UNION  
AT BAY, HAS SOMETIMES APPEARED TO SUPPORT SOME LEFT-WING  
CAUSES. MCKEOWN SAYS: "MCGARVEY'S PROBLEM IS THAT HE IS  
CARRIED AWAY BY HIS OWN ORATORY AT MEETINGS AND THIS

SOMETIMES GETS HIM INTO DIFFICULTY." (ANOTHER SOURCE DESCRIBES MCGARVEY AS A "MAVERICK.") MCGARVEY, MCKEOWN ADDS, IS A VERY DEVOUT CATHOLIC. THE EMBASSY HAS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON HIM.

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